

## CTRad bulletin

### CTRad website refreshed!

- The CTRad website has been refreshed in May with a new link ([ctrad.ncri.org.uk](http://ctrad.ncri.org.uk)). Researchers will find even more useful information to support trial development on the newly refreshed site.

### CTRad proposals guidance meeting and workstream meetings, May 2014

- CTRad held its 8<sup>th</sup> proposals guidance meeting in London, where expert members met to provide constructive feedback for 14 proposals. Many members noted the increasing quality of the proposals and were pleased to see new faces presenting their ideas.
- There were two plenary talks. Emma Hall went through 'Steps to a successful trial launch – what to do after your trial is funded', using the HYBRID trial as an example. Slides of this talk can be found on the CTRad website's RADCAS section: [ctrad.ncri.org.uk/research-support/trial-development-service-radcas](http://ctrad.ncri.org.uk/research-support/trial-development-service-radcas). Anthony Chalmers provided updates on the Radiotherapy-Drug Combinations Consortium (RaDCom), especially encouraging members to work with the Steering Group to develop projects.
- In the afternoon the four different workstreams met individually to discuss their objectives, projects and follow up on previously presented proposals. It was a busy day with lots of activities and networking opportunities, and we thank all our members, presenters and guests for their participation.
- The next proposals guidance meeting will be on **5 November 2014** after the NCRI Conference in Liverpool. There will be a call for proposal ideas in July 2014; more details will be available on the CTRad website then ([ctrad.ncri.org.uk/research-support/proposals-guidance-meetings](http://ctrad.ncri.org.uk/research-support/proposals-guidance-meetings)).



### Proton beam therapy research agenda meeting, June 2014

- CTRad organised a meeting bringing together the two proposed proton beam therapy (PBT) treatment centres in England and interested parties to a PBT research national agenda discussion meeting, co-chaired by Adrian Crellin (National Clinical Lead for PBT and NCRN National Specialty Lead - Radiotherapy Research) and Neil Burnet (CTRad Chair).
- Delegates agreed that collaborative research will be vital to this work, and are interested in pursuing a consortium model. CTRad is starting the process by identifying those who wish to join.
- A report of this workshop will be available on the CTRad website shortly.

### **Welcome to our new consumer member**

- CTRad welcomes Mr Tom Haswell who has been appointed to WS 2. Tom brings with him a wealth of experience from his involvement with the Lung CSG, the Consumer Liaison Group (CLG), trial management groups and various other patient and public involvement (PPI) groups.
- Together, the CTRad consumer group looks forward to working more closely with researchers to develop trials providing advice on patient and public involvement (PPI) aspects.

### **Forthcoming meetings**

- **Clinical Trials Workshop, 14 Oct 2014:** Following from the success of the last two years' Clinical Trials workshops in Leeds and London, the Royal College of Radiologists (RCR) and CTRad are jointly organising another Clinical Trials workshop. The workshop is aimed at early clinical researchers and will cover areas relating to clinical trial design, funding and setup and the roles and responsibilities of chief investigators. The meeting is being organised by Emma Hall and Chris Nutting (both WS3). The agenda and registration details can be found at: <https://www.rcr.ac.uk/membersarea/multievents/displayEvent.asp?Type=Full&Code=CLINTRIALS2014>

### **The 10<sup>th</sup> NCRI Cancer Conference, Liverpool, 2–5 November 2014**

- In its 10<sup>th</sup> year, the NCRI Cancer Conference is the UK's premier annual cancer research meeting. It provides a forum for multidisciplinary researchers to keep pace with new advances across the globe, and to share results of their own work.
- Earlybird registration is open until **31 July**, and late breaking abstract submission will be open between **1-25 August**. You can find more details on [conference.ncri.org.uk](http://conference.ncri.org.uk).

### **CPD points**

Most of our workshops and meetings are now CPD-accredited – don't forget to collect your certificate after each meeting.

### **Contact us**

If you have any feedback, news you want to share, or want to find out more about topics mentioned above, please contact the CTRad Secretariat ([CTRad@ncri.org.uk](mailto:CTRad@ncri.org.uk)). You can also browse the CTRad web pages [ctrad.ncri.org.uk](http://ctrad.ncri.org.uk) for more information and future dates of CTRad events.